ACCESSING JOURNAL

500 years in our future, the Earth is used up, almost a dead planet, and her population is on the verge of extinction. The New Defenders rescued that population, all 8 billion of them, and brought them back in time to Nu-World – a synthetic planet built by Ted Castle for the elite of present day Earth.

The New Defenders have since renamed themselves the Fantastic Force in honor of their fallen matriarch, Sue Richards of the Fantastic Four.

They successfully defeated Ted – bitter, self-serving elitist and ex-husband – and his robot army, and I chose to destroy the only portal we had to Earth. I don't like to use the word stranded, but that's what it amounts to. Ted isn't too happy, either, and although I'm sure he's harmless at this point, Natalie thinks there's something stirring in him, something that he might not have complete control over.

I had just returned to the hospital to see to our ever-growing patient list, when there was an explosion on Liberty Island, where the Force has set up base. Reports of a huge, green bird of prey have been flooding in. Either something came back with me from Earth, or something came back in time with them. I have to get over there.

A. Moy, signing off.

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Bruce Robert Banner, Jr.
descendant of the Hulk
stepson to the Hooded Man
unrivaled intellect

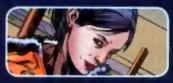
The Hooded Man
Logan, known in our present as Wolverine

Lightwave
alien, father of Psionics,
His power is as mysterious as the dual nature of light

Psionics
daughter of Lightwave
moves the immovable with her mind

Natalie X
the world's most powerful telepath

Alex Ultron
android, descended from Ultron



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UGH!
DAD!
SNAP OUT OF IT, CINDY. FIX US A SOFT LANDING.

NATALIE, IS HE OK?
HE'S ALIVE, BUT BARELY WHAT DID SHE HIT HIM WITH?
GAMMA BLAST. ARE SHE AND BANNER RELATED?
NO WAY. SHE CAN'T BE HIS MOTHER.
LET'S SEE YOU FLAP YOUR UGLY TAIL OUT OF THIS!
SCHRRAAKK
WHAM!
SKREEEE!!!

IS THIS THE TELEPATH THAT ATTACKED YOU BEFORE?
NO BUT SHE'S BEING SHIELDED BY HER. I CAN'T GET THROUGH.
OOMF!!
SORRY, ALEX. I'LL HELP YOU RETUNE THOSE KNEE JOINTS ONCE WE'RE DONE HERE.
I WOULDN'T MIND SO MUCH IF YOU EVER USED THE WEIGHT YOU'RE PACKING.
WHAT MAKES YOU THINK SHE'S YOUR MOTHER, KID?
I JUST KNOW.
SOMEONE PUT THAT THOUGHT THERE. IT'S NOT REAL.
SORRY, ROB. THIS VULTURE'S JUST TRADING ON SKIN COLOR.
LET'S SEE WHAT ELSE SHE'S GOT.

CINDY'S OUT!
SKREEEE!!!
CRAZY LADY'S GOING FOR BANNER AGAIN!
ROB, SHE'S NOT YOUR MOTHER!
DECK HER!
SORRY ABOUT THIS, LOGAN.
WHAT THE HELL--THE HARPY'S UP THERE--
--YOU DUMB PIECE OF LOW-GRADE--

GOTCHA.
HOLD TIGHT, CINDY. THIS AIN'T GONNA BE PRETTY.
SCHHUNK
I SWEAR, I'LL NEVER GET USED TO THAT.
DO WE NEED THIS?
NO. HE'S ALREADY SIXTY PERCENT REGENERATED.
DON'T WANT TO SOUND UNGRATEFUL, BUT COULD ONE OF YOU SCRAPE LOGAN OFF MY FACE?
NU-MIDTOWN GENERAL HOSPITAL
HEY, GET IN LINE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!
WHO GAVE YOU THE KEY TO THE CITY?
ALYSSA, WHAT'S WRONG WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE?
MALNUTRITION.
BUT THERE'S PLENTY OF FOOD HERE.

"THAT'S THE PROBLEM. OUR FARMER ANDROIDS ARE PROGRAMMED TO PROVIDE WHATEVER PEOPLE ASK FOR. THESE PEOPLE SPENT ALL THEIR LIVES ON THE EDGE OF STARVATION. THEIR SYSTEMS CAN'T COPE."
"YEAH, WELL, MY DAD'S GOT MORE THAN A CASE OF INDIGESTION."
PEOPLE ARE DYING, CINDY. THIS WORLD WAS BUILT FOR THE RICH AND POWERFUL. NOT REFUGEES. THE ONES WHO AREN'T GORGING THEMSELVES TO DEATH ARE SUFFERING FROM PSYCHOTIC DEPRESSION. THE CHANGE IN ENVIRONMENT IS TOO VAST, TOO SUDDEN.
WE BROUGHT THEM FROM HELL TO HEAVEN. THAT'S NOT SOMETHING I'M GOING TO APOLOGIZE FOR. NOW FIX MY DAD.
I'M SORRY, CINDY. WE'RE TRYING TO IMPOSE ORDER HERE. YOU CAN'T JUST FLY YOUR FRIENDS AND RELATIVES OVER EVERYONE'S HEADS. WHAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT?
I DUNNO. MAYBE THE POWER TO TAKE YOUR HOSPITAL APART BRICK BY BRICK?
PLEASE. STAY OUTSIDE. OUR NIGHTINGALE HEALTH ANDROID HAS EVERYTHING UNDER CONTROL.
INTERIOR DAMAGE IS EXTENSIVE. GAMMA POISONING IS IRREVERSIBLE IN HUMANS BUT OUR SCANS DETECT OFF-WORLD PHYSIOLOGY. CAN YOU ENHANCE?
HE'S FROM A PLANET CALLED ZENN-LA. YOU SHOULD HAVE FILES ON IT.
AND DROP THE ZOMBIE-SPEAK. DON'T TELL ME THIS ERA DOESN'T HAVE PERSONALITY SOFTWARE.
I'M SORRY IF FORMAL SPEECH OFFENDS YOU, SIR. OUR CREATOR FELT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO RETAIN BOUNDARIES BETWEEN HUMANS AND NON-ORGANICS IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE A HARMONIOUS TRANSITION BETWEEN OLD EARTH AND NU-WORLD.
YOUR "CREATOR" WAS A BIGOT. HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN IN FAVOR OF APARTHEID. WE'RE NOT.

ALEX, THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR A CIVIL RIGHTS LECTURE ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. THESE ANDROIDS ARE CENTURIES BEHIND YOU...
...THEY DON'T NEED LIBERATING. THIS WORLD IS DESIGNED AROUND THEIR PROVIDING ESSENTIAL SERVICES...YOU START RAISING ANDROID CONSCIOUSNESS AND THIS SOCIETY WILL FALL APART.
RUN THAT BY ME AGAIN? OUR BRAND-NEW PARADISE RUNS ON SLAVERY?
LISTEN UP, TINHEAD. WE FIND MY SON AND THEN YOU CAN PLAY ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
SIR, YOU ARE INJURED. MAY I HAVE YOUR CONSENT TO SEDATE YOU AND STERILIZE YOUR WOUNDS BEFORE THEY BECOME INFECTED--?
BUZZ OFF, NURSIE.
51. THIS PATIENT IS A MUTANT WITH HEALING FACTOR. CROSS REFERENCE WITH EARTH RECORDS ON WOLVERINE--
ARE YOU KIDDING ME? 51?! SHE DOESN'T EVEN GET A NAME?!
BIG BIRD IS BEING SHIELDED BY THE SAME TELEPATH WHO PROTECTED YOUR EX. SO WHO'S HE WORKING WITH?
I DON'T KNOW.
OKAY. WE STOLE HIS PRECIOUS PLANET. WHERE'S CASTLE GONNA HOLE UP?
MOM. WE'VE BEEN FLYING AROUND FOR HOURS...WE'VE GOT TO TALK. WE'VE GOT TO LAND.
YOU NEED TO SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING DOWN THERE.
THIS IS A COPY OF THE BAXTER BUILDING. BUT THERE'S NO FANTASTIC FOUR ON NU-WORLD. WHO LIVES HERE?

WELCOME TO THE CASTLE BUILDING.
HAVE YOU SEEN THE BRAVE NEW WORLD YOU'VE CREATED?
DO YOU KNOW WHY THEY'RE STILL LIVING IN TENTS AND USING THE STREETS AS A SEWER?
THEY'VE NEVER LIVED IN A FUNCTIONING CITY. THEY DON'T KNOW ANY BETTER.
WRONG. IT'S BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT ANY BETTER. THEY DON'T BELONG HERE. THIS WORLD CAN'T MAKE THEM HAPPY.
IT'S A SHAME I CAN'T TAKE YOU ON A GUIDED TOUR OF OUR WORLD, MR. CASTLE, AND MAKE YOU EAT THOSE WORDS.
MOM. WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE?
HE'S GOING TO HELP US.
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE. I KNOW HE HATES US, BUT I BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU SAY. I DON'T KNOW WHY, BUT I DO.
WHO CAN YOU TRUST IF NOT YOUR MOTHER?
THAT'S ENOUGH. YOU'RE CROWDING HIM. LET IT SINK IN. LET IT TAKE.
TOUCH ME AGAIN AND I WILL DISEMBOWEL YOU.
HE IS MINE!

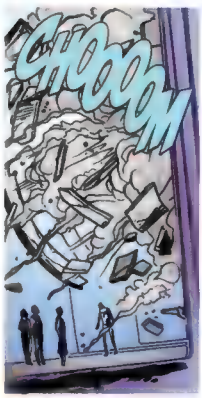
THEY'RE MY FRIENDS.
NO. MY CHILD.
MOTHER KNOWS.

THE GAMMA-MUTATION THE HARPY WAS ENGINEERED BY HYPERINTELLIGENT CRIMINAL SYNDICATE MASTERMIND MODOK...
DON'T YOU KNOW ALL THIS, LOGAN?
IT WAS 500 YEARS AGO. MY HEALING FACTOR DOESN'T DO MEMORY.

THE HARPY WAS MUTATED FROM THE HUMAN FORM OF LONGTIME HULK ASSOCIATE BETTY ROSS, DAUGHTER OF GENERAL--
OKAY, BOOKWORM-- FAST FORWARD ON BETTY ROSS.

BETTY ROSS CEASED FUNCTION AFTER CONTAMINATION OF BLOOD SUPPLY BY HULK NEMESIS ABOMINATION, ALSO A GAMMA-MUTATED--
LIKE I SAID, SHE'S DEAD. THIS CAN'T BE HER.

WITH RESPECT, SIR...
PERHAPS THE HARPY HAS BEEN TAKEN FROM HER CORRECT TIME STREAM MUCH AS YOU HAVE.
CAN YOU TRACK HER ENERGY SIGNATURE?
NO, I'M AFRAID [redacted] TECHNOLOGY IS INSUFFICIENTLY ADVANCED BUT [redacted] CAN TRACK THE ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTANTS SHE BROUGHT WITH--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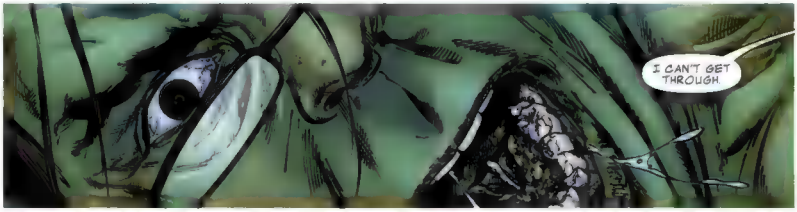
THAT SHOULD WORK, TOO.
IT'S NOT HER.

SON?
NOT ANYMORE.
WHAT'S THE DEAL...IS SHE PULLING HIS STRINGS?
HE'S IMPRINTED ON HER.
I'M SEEING BRAIN ACTIVITY I'D EXPECT IN THE WOMB OR SHORTLY AFTER BIRTH. SOMEONE'S REACTIVATED AND INTENSIFIED THE BONDING PROCESS A THOUSAND-FOLD. THIS IS HARDCORE TELEPATHIC SURGERY
WHAT DOES SHE WANT, KID?
YOU HAVE TO LEAVE THIS WORLD. OR DIE.

OKAAAY. SO WE NEED TO DO A LITTLE REPROGRAMMING. NATALIE, LET'S START BY CALMING THE MAN DOWN.
NATALIE CAN'T HELP YOU, ALEX. SHE DOESN'T KNOW HOW TO KILL LOVE.
IT'S NOT LOVE, ROB. SHE PICKED YOU BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNEW YOUR ■OTHER--
I'LL MAKE IT EASY FOR YOU.
CATCH!
YEAAARGGH!
YOU--
CATCH THIS!
NOT...BAD. BUT ONE THING LOGAN'S BEEN TRYING TO...TEACH ME ALL THESE...YEARS IS TO GIVE IN TO MY BERSERKER RAGE. ALL YOUR...PSYCHIC ATTACKS MEAN ZIP WHEN THE SUBJECT'S... CONSCIOUS MIND IS... SUBMERGED.

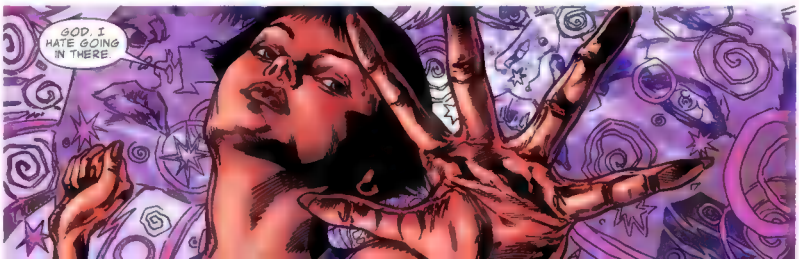
DO SOMETHING! LOGAN'S GETTING CREAMED!


I CAN'T GET THROUGH.

HOW ABOUT NOW?

HE'S GONE.

THEN HELP LOGAN! MAKE HIM FIGHT BACK!


GOD, I HATE GOING IN THERE.

WHAT'S GOING ON IN THERE?
LOGAN WON'T HURT HIS SON. ROB'S ALL HE'S GOT LEFT.
WELL, SNAP HIM OUT OF IT.
I CAN'T. HIS MENTAL DEFENSES ARE TOO STRONG. HE'S SPENT HUNDREDS OF YEARS AROUND TELEPATHS. BY THE TIME I--
THAT MAN'S SAVED OUR LIVES MORE TIMES THAN YOU'VE HAD MIGRAINES. NOW YOU DO THE SAME FOR HIM.
THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY...BUT I DON'T HAVE THE RIGHT.
THINK ABOUT ROB. HOW WILL HE LIVE WITH HIMSELF IF HE KILLS LOGAN? DO IT!
MAY GOD FORGIVE ME.

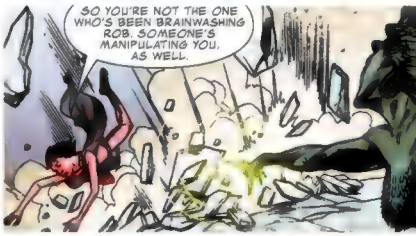
SNIKT!
SNIKT!

WHAT DID YOU DO?
I UNLEASHED HIS BERSERKER RAGE.
TERRIFIC. NOW WE GOT TWO HEAD CASES. COME ON, HONEY. IT'S TIME TO UP OUR--

GZAAAH!

YOU ACTUALLY CONSORT WITH A MACHINE? YOU DESERVE TO DIE, YOU PERVERSION OF NATURE.

HOW PATHETIC. A WOMAN WHO ATTACKS HER OPPONENT'S MIND. IS THIS WHAT FIVE HUNDRED YEARS OF PROGRESS HAS BROUGHT US?


SO YOU'RE NOT THE ONE WHO'S BEEN BRAINWASHING ROB. SOMEONE'S MANIPULATING YOU, AS WELL.

THE HARPY HAS NO MASTER!!

HOW ABOUT A MISTRESS?
WHO'S THE WOMAN PROTECTING YOUR MIND FROM ME?
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY YOU'RE HERE DO YOU? THIS ISN'T YOUR TIME ZONE.
SHRAAP!
DON'T KNOCK WHAT YOU HAVEN'T TRIED. ALEX WAS WITH ME BEFORE NATALIE. AND BELIEVE ME, I WOULDN'T TOUCH SKIN FOR SIX MONTHS AFTER.
STOP! I WAS GETTING THROUGH TO HER!!
HIT HER WITH THE GAMMA, DAD!

STRICTLY SPEAKING, DAD'S STILL UNDER SEDATION. SO YOU BETTER FILL ME IN TELEPATHICALLY.
AND DON'T POKE AROUND WHILE YOU'RE IN THERE.
OW! NO NEED TO SHOUT! THAT'S FINE, GET OUT!
OKAY. LET'S TAKE CARE OF YOUR MESS FIRST.
WHATEVER YOU DO, DON'T GET BETWEEN THEM--
YEAH. I THINK MAYBE YOU LOST YOUR RIGHT TO GIVE MEDIATION COUNSELING WHEN YOU TURNED LOGAN INTO A PSYCHO.
SOMETIMES WHEN GUYS LOSE IT, THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO MAKE THEM SEE SENSE.

CRACK!
I HOPE SHE'S OUT, BECAUSE I DON'T THINK I'VE GOT THE JUICE TO POWER A SECOND BLAST. HEY! SHE'S CHANGING...
YES. ALL HER DEFENSES ARE DOWN. I CAN SEE INSIDE HER MIND NOW. I CAN SEE WHAT...SHE...OH GOD.
JUST DROP THE HYPE AND GIVE ME HEADLINES.
SHE'S NOT ALONE.
SHE BROUGHT FRIENDS?
SISTERS.

TO BE CONTINUED...

A GREEN GIANT SCAN

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LIKE IT? BUY IT!